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The news from Europ[illegible] pacific. Although it has been pretty much the troubled waters, Greece is in commotion.

Revengeful [illegible] unsettled condition of affairs in Spain. Cuba[illegible] are increasing daily. Apprehensions [illegible] entertained at many thousands. Thus, for a population of about [illegible] millions, is doing exceedingly well. The Spaniards are determined to obtain the [illegible] and are more than ever determined to serve their country.

Mayor Gardner, of Boston, has purchased the magnificent "Belle Isle" plantation, near Bunkur city, Bossier's Bay, in Louisiana, and has made arrangements to cultivate sugar cane instead of cotton. The example of Governor Wise, of Virginia, is one which it would be desirable to find imitated by many of our Southern men in regard to similar lands in their possession. It would be a public benefit.

Democratic Victory in Connecticut.

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STATE NEWS.

The population of Pennsylvania by a recent census is two millions two hundred and forty-two hundred and sixty-four males and two hundred and seventy-one females.

Joseph Johns, son of the founder of Johnstown, died at his residence in Davidsville, Somerset county, on the 6th instant, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

There are 9,000 teachers in Pennsylvania and 9,000 school teachers.

Hon. George Connell, State Senator from Allegheny county, will deliver a lecture in Bloomfield, on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of that city, subject, "Emancipation."

A terrible accident occurred at the cement mill of H. R. Swoyer, in Uniontown, on Wednesday afternoon last. Mr. Jacob Bucket was cutting up from the large mass which when drawn the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of December, at the Mechanics' Hall, Pittsburgh, on the evening of the 13th, at 7 o'clock. The hearing was irregular, and not a part of the store, consequently confused, and the [illegible] of the [illegible] amount of $2,000, and Marshall, the other, made his escape.

Chauncey Beaver, an employee of the Beaver and Erie Railway, was killed on Friday, from injuries received from a collision, from injuries received from a collision, from injuries received from a collision, from injuries received from a collision since yesterday.

Wednesday morning the large iron mill in which [illegible] was kept, at the refinery of Hughes & Adams, Rices' ferry, exploded with a fearful force from some unknown cause. Three men named Bartick, Nolan and Brady, workmen at the refinery, were badly injured, [illegible] was seriously burned on the head, neck and arms and the other two were more [illegible] injured.

A young Philadelphian and a young boy [illegible] fought a bloodless duel near the city of Chester a few days ago, all on account of a young woman. A contemporary in learning the facts and agrees with the [illegible] that they were so serious that neither of them received the fatal shot, not even a scratch. The matter was then adjusted. The lovers instead of [illegible] to the home of the pretty brunette. She had been apprised of their coming and like a woman, on joining, and gave them both to understand that a month with [illegible] was to be her dear lover, and that she would accept the [illegible] who would [illegible] at the end of the month.

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A New York paper says the appointment of mustering Charles Denton Hudson, of the Superior Court of that State, to the office of paymaster, and to have been superintended by a secret cell connected while attending to the business of his office in a room in which the atmosphere was kept up to a boiling temperature by means of a steam pipe, which was connected with the boiler of the building. Some months from now, if proper means of preservation are not taken, the body will be found in a state of decomposition, and the odor will be so offensive as to prevent the [illegible] from the [illegible] and [illegible].

The new tunnel to connect Baltimore to the system of eighteen acres of land on the north eastern [illegible] of Baltimore to be condemned for the depot, workshops, etc., of the Northern Central Railway. Here arrangements [illegible] the thousand dollars are [illegible]. This company, in connection with the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, is now making [illegible] and [illegible] connection with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in order to [illegible] to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad [illegible] through Independence to Washington city.

LIMA, OHIO.

Robbery of the County Auditor's Office Two Thousand Dollars Missing—Murder in a Saloon.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

Lima, Ohio, December 21, 1868.

A robbery has just come to light here, which causes quite a sensation in our usually quiet little town. Our County Auditor finds ten thousand dollars missing from his safe, two thousand of the amount being bonds and eight hundred in currency. The first information he had of the robbery was on Friday last, when he received through the Postoffice a mysterious despatch containing the request on him, the bearer, to call on a certain party, revealing the robbery. As to who the perpetrators are yet remains a mystery. Several arrests have been made.

Last evening about six o'clock a young man named Powell went into a saloon in the New Bedford, ohio, and got into a row in some way with a lot of Irish. Powell drew a revolver and fired three times, the third shot hitting Wm. Honigsdorfer, an Irishman, in the bowels, killing him almost instantly. Powell was arrested, and will have an examination before the Mayor to-morrow.

CHICAGO.

New Bridge at Dubuque Completed—Accident at Prairie du Chien—Chief Justice Inauguration of Governor Palmer—Pneumatic Bolted.

Chicago, December 22.—The new bridge spanning the Mississippi river between Dubuque and Dubuque was completed on Sunday, and its strength thoroughly tested to-day. The bridge is pronounced a success. Its entire length is 1,790 feet, consisting of four spans of 250 feet each, two of 220 feet each, and the [illegible] 190 feet long. The entire bridge is composed of iron and masonry, and cost the two hundred thousand dollars. A ball and supper was given in the evening in honor of the occasion.

A special from Prairie du Chien, Wis., says that a freight train of passengers, in crossing the Mississippi river on that place on the ice, broke through the ice, and the engine, tender and eight cars went to the bottom. The fireman was drowned, which [illegible] the only person killed. The [illegible] and [illegible] and were badly shaken up.

The bill of Wm. S. F. Wilkinson against the Chicago Fire Relief, that was commenced in Chancery, has been dismissed by the complainant, on account of action alleged to have been taken by the Board of Trustees of the Relief Association. The Treasurer Department has suppressed counterfeit notes to [illegible] in circulation.

The Court has adjourned till after the holidays.

CHARGES AGAINST A JUDGE.

Supervisor Young, of Ohio, is here for the purpose of presenting instructions in relation to his duties.

Commissioner Rollins has decided to establish in the city of New York four export bonded warehouses, in addition to the two already established, and [illegible] for that purpose. Secretary McCulloch has amended his regulations regulations, to allow [illegible] to [illegible] to Mexico via Indianola, Brazos, and New York.

THE NEW CUSTOM-HOUSE.

A number of letters have been received at the Treasury Department, from subordinate officers in New Orleans, stating that since the recent reduction of the clerical force in the Custom House, business is not transacted as rapidly as formerly, and it is apprehended that a number of those dismissed be reinstated, in accordance with their suggestions. Mr. Wells, however, will maintain a number of clerks and [illegible] agents.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS.

Julius C. Burrough has been appointed supervisor of Internal Revenue for Michigan and Wisconsin. This completes the appointments in the grade of Internal Revenue officers.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

THE SITUATION IN THE EAST.

The Spanish Elections—Troops Sent to Cuba—Spain Will Never Abandon a Colony—Cabinet Crisis in Portugal—Eruption of Etna Subsided—Russians Volunteering for Greek Service, &c.

The Eastern Imbroglio.

London, December 22.—The following despatch, dated Constantinople, yesterday, has been received, and embraces the latest news from that quarter: The Sultan has exercised to those weeks the time for the departure of the Greeks from Constantinople. The Emperor of Russia has authorized the Greek vessels, probably those carrying away the refugees, to raise the Russian flag. Robert has a fleet of Admiral with seven men-of-war blockading Syra, where the Greek steamer Enosis took refuge. The Turkish Minister at Athens has returned to Constantinople. The Grecian Government is rapidly preparing for war.

The Message Condemned.

The press here is unanimous in condemnation of President Johnson's message, particularly the portion relating to United States [illegible].

Escapade of Rossolier III.

Paris, December 22.—Rouher, late Minister of Foreign Affairs, is seriously ill.

Eruption of Etna.

Vienna, Austria, December 22.—The recent eruption of Mount Etna rapidly subsided, and the volcano has shown little sign of activity for the past two weeks.

Russians Volunteering.

London, December 22.—Dispatches from the army say many Russians are volunteering for the Greek service.

Purchase of Cuba by the United States.

Madrid, December 22.—It is reported here that the United States have sent a special envoy to Spain to negotiate the purchase of Cuba, and his arrival is daily expected.

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Common rosin is 8s, fine do. Spirits petroleum [illegible]. Tallow 42s 6d. Turpentine 37s. Linseed oil 30s 6d.

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HAVANA.

Arrival of Insurrectionists Prisoners—Royal Troops Defeated—Atrocities by the Insurgents.

Havana, December 21.—Intelligence is received here that Col. Aguero Betancourt and twelve other insurrectionists arrived at New [illegible] yesterday as prisoners and, that a number of wounded Spanish officers [illegible] at Nassau.

Advices [illegible] of a fight between the troops [illegible] and insurgents [illegible] in which the latter were defeated [illegible] and many [illegible] killed. The insurgents [illegible] the [illegible] of Sevilla and Barcadera. It is stated on official authority that up to the present moment [illegible] have been sent to reinforce the army in Cuba, and more will [illegible] to the number of [illegible] men. It is [illegible] will never abandon a colony of theirs.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Brooklyn Common Council have voted to subscribe three million dollars to aid in the building of a bridge across East river, such money to be paid in installments after two million dollars have been subscribed by other parties.

George A. Delaney, a clerk in the New York Postoffice, has been arrested for embezzling a valuable box from the mails. He was held for trial in default of $5,000 bail.

It is said that General Grant has ordered General Babcock to visit Arkansas to inquire into the condition of affairs in that State, and report at once to headquarters. The reports received through rebel sources represent that the colored people are the aggressors. General Grant desires to be fully informed on the subject by a trustworthy person before he takes action.

Five men have committed suicide in as many days in Philadelphia, by walking into the Delaware. Several bodies have already been [illegible] at the same time by the hatter parties.

The export of petroleum from Philadelphia during the past week amounted to nearly a million of gallons.

A circular purporting to emanate from the Secret Council, Vigilance Committee states that the confederates have been informed that certain parties in and about Seymour have been making threats against the negotiators, and that if these threats are carried into execution the parties to [illegible] may expect to be summarily dealt with. Each of their members stands [illegible] towards the regulators, and they will permit the warning to pass over at their peril, and will protect them. The circular is addressed as follows: Wm. Reiss, the [illegible] Chicago; Jesse Hughes, Seymour; Gardner, James Street, Stephen Street, Lee Hughes, Jackson Hughes, Harvey Hughes, Wade Fisher, Martin Lowe, Rodney Lee, Wm. Sparks, Jesse Thompson, Wm. Hare, Wm. Hughes, Wm. Fisher, and Richard Able, seventeen in all.

A policeman of Malden, Mass., a bright-eyed citizen, was shot dead at three o'clock yesterday morning, near the depot. He hailed the [illegible] who had been observed lurking about the depot during the night, and [illegible] one of them shot him through the heart and killed him instantly. There is great excitement in Malden over the affair.

In a game of billiards at Chicago, Monday night for the championship of Illinois, Vertelle beat Hilton twenty-eight in a game of [illegible] points.

Further particulars of the stupendous frauds in the customs revenues have come to light. From affidavits of Thomas H. Poole, on of the special agents of the Treasury Department, it appears that [illegible] Collector Barney have from time to time been [illegible] and [illegible] by the Guttermann Brothers and others.

Tuscola county, Illinois, has long been the resort of counterfeiters, and it is said by the people there that they are largely engaged in the [illegible] of the county seal. There is no [illegible] for the honest and prolific [illegible] counterfeiters. The former has [illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible] dollars, and the latter [illegible] to [illegible] dollars. It is said now the inhabitants of Tuscola county [illegible] to [illegible] a vigilance committee on Sunday last, went [illegible] to [illegible], explained all the county records, and [illegible] the seal, and [illegible] to [illegible] and the beginning of the end.

John Fisher, employed by Means, Kyle & Co., of Cincinnati, was run over and killed by a train on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad near the depot yesterday morning.

The jury in the United States Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Judge Leavitt presiding, in session at Cleveland, yesterday gave a verdict for the Government in the case of [illegible] of whiskey. Five hundred barrels [illegible] Charles Merrell, of New York. Eighteen hundred barrels [illegible] Hamilton, Ohio, twenty-six hundred barrels [illegible] Cincinnati, and [illegible] barrels of whisky, with distillery, [illegible] and [illegible] fixtures, claimed same as the property of [illegible] & Co., of Cincinnati. The [illegible] in each case formed for a new trial. James T. Worthington, late deputy collector of internal revenue, was [illegible] to pay a fine of $1,000 and [illegible] in the county jail for [illegible] months.

Governor Fenton has appointed Freeman J. Fithian, of New York City, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Commissioners caused by the death of Anthony L. Robertson.

A society attended Woman Suffrage Convention is being held at Concord, N. H.

The steamer tug Valiant exploded her boiler near Hoboken, on the morning of the 21st, killing the engineer, David Cooper, and slightly injuring John Morris, one of the owners.

A man named Hardy, mate of the steamer Red Rover, fell from the boat at Memphis accidentally into the river and was drowned.

Messrs. Tucker & Co., extensive bankers and stock brokers at Louisville, failed yesterday. It is thought they will be able to pay about 50 per cent. Their liabilities are said to be considerable.

The steamer Queen, from Liverpool, arrived at Quebec.

The Congressional Committee yesterday examined quite a number of parties relative to the alleged election frauds in New York city. A large number of documents bearing on the case were also before the Committee.

Judge Cardozo yesterday appointed Grace Nathan referee to take compulsory affidavit of Alex. S. Dyson, Vice President of the Erie Railroad, in the case of Jacob Barker, which is now pending in the case of Belmont vs. the Erie Company.

A meeting in the case of the conduct of the late Collector Bailey, was held in Boston on Monday last, at which the [illegible] of the meeting the back of his property for the foundation and endowment of a hospital, were [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible].

James Gubbin has been found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing a Mormon named [illegible] Chilcombe.

In the United States Supreme Court, at Washington, the case of Hepburn vs. Griswold, involving the validity of the legal tender act, was argued by Mr. Evarts for the plaintiff in error, and Mr. Stanbery for the defendant. Mr. Evarts made a very able argument, which occupied the entire day. Mr. Stanbery will conclude his argument to-day.

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A PHILADELPHIA correspondent says: "Mr. Boyer claims a chance for the Speakership of the House at Harrisburg; are not opportunity's agents as they once a few days ago. A few days has evidently taken place, and Mr. Stevens has been raised again to the "top of the heap." Mr. Stevens friends, however, are still working industriously."

THE friends of Acting Vice President Wade are quietly pressing him for a Cabinet position. This is done with his approbation, and perhaps with some prospect of success. Mr. Wade will leave the Senate for from rest in this world's goods, and completely out of his profession as a lawyer. As a representative of the "radical element" he would be satisfactory to those who set up such a claim. Disqualification and loyalty are not to be questioned. It is said that Grover has a good opinion of the distinguished Ohioan.

THE New York *Sun* agrees with the *Evening Post* that "a little open-air diplomacy would answer well" in Caleb Cushing's negotiations with New Granada for the right of way for the Darien Canal. Without taking the trouble of following up the arguments these journals advance in favor of their new theory, we submit that we have had more than a sufficiency of "open-air" diplomacy already in the occidental affairs of the American Border. Let us get back to a quiet conventional tone as soon as possible, and reserve the "open-air" performances for sunny spots.

IT is a favorable sign that the gentlemanly paper published by Brownlow, in Richmond, has died out. Unable longer to humbug even the most ignorant blacks, its occupation is gone. At one time his influence was great—the progress Virginia has made towards her proper place in the Hall of sovereign States, indicates what was the kind of influence he exerted. As the Brownlows, all over the South, are deposed will the obstacles to the restoration of perfect concord be removed. They have done an inestimable amount of mischief as a cause which they will surely benefit in proportion as they become played out.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to express his approval of the COMMERCIAL'S suggestion, that as the Railroads are engaged making out their freight rates for the coming year, it is a good time to make strength for the grain the Pennsylvania Central Company is asking from Pittsburgh. In no other way can so much be done to forward the application as by giving our city favorable terms for the transportation of our manufactures. This, we do not question, the Company perceives, and we shall look confidently for a degree of liberality and justice towards the community not heretofore seen.

THE allocation of the two dollar tax on whisky have already opened upon VAN WAGNER a regret, as if the fact it reveals were surprisingly new. Now it is notorious that every man, woman and child in the country has heard of little else than frauds in connection with the distillation and inspection of whisky. All that the Committee discovered was surmised by the intelligent portion of the public. Any attempt to deny the truthfulness of the report, or to lessen the character of the testimony can only result in injury to those who engage in it. Mr. JOHNSON'S duplicate, by their own conduct and testimony admits all and more than was required to present themselves and their employer in their true light before the public.

MR. ROSECRANS' determination to "stick" has completely frustrated the little game to "head" General GRANT, by a few men who realize that they are "on the verge" of political influence. They have shown their hand, however, and for a little while. The sooner men who object to his influence with the new administration turn their backs on old tactics and old corruptionists the sooner they will get in the right track. A man is known by the company he keeps, is as true now as ever. The incoming administration, it is well understood, will have a decided partiality for good company—that is, it will select men whose reputations for fidelity have never been challenged. It was in this interest that Mr. ROSECRANS concluded to remain in office till GRANT is inaugurated.

THE Philadelphia *Ledger*, which made a furious assault on the "Monstrous Tariff Bill," and dealt in the falsehoods of misrepresentation on the Senator whose name the bill bears, has been brought to understand that it was ignorant of the details of the bill. As a journal of fairness it withdraws its criticisms and reflections, and it is to be hoped that those other journals that have been betrayed into similar criticisms and reflections will be equally just. The Pittsburgh *Post*, we perceive, catches up the mistatement that the bill proposes a duty of one cent on all crude carbonate of soda. And some papers have gone so far as to say that this is for the benefit of a certain manufacturer in which Gen. MONTGOMERY is interested. The fact is, Gen. MONTGOMERY is interested in no such establishment, nor is any such duty proposed in the bill. It is a measure of great importance to every part of the country, to the manufacturer and buyer, the producer and consumer. If enacted into a law, by stimulating labor and production, it will increase the revenue and prove an enduring refuge to the diminution of taxes.

FOOD BALANCES.

A great stir has been created in New York city, by the discovery that many of the retail grocers and provision dealers are practicing systematic frauds upon their customers by using light weights and adulterating those articles of consumption which are most susceptible of admixture. Persons have been suspected to run all the principal stores and make purchases of the various articles sold, which are afterwards carefully weighed and submitted to chemical analysis, with a view of determining the exact amount of cheating done by false weights and adulterations. The results are said to be startling. Even the most expensive houses have been detected in giving light weights, and selling articles which have been greatly cheapened by adulteration. These results are being published, with the names of the stores keeped from whom the articles were purchased. It is doubtless true that the store keepers of the great metropolis are no more vicious than the "tricks of trade" as those of any other city in the world, but no doubt if there is one more, cheating there, relatively speaking, than elsewhere. Light weights have been and ever since the system of weighing was invented, and will no doubt continue to be used as long as men live and sell by weight. There is nothing new or strange in the developments to which we have alluded. Every man and woman, who has had the slightest experience in purchasing supplies for the table, knows that cheating in weight is a common thing—so common that purchasers are inclined to keeping a sharp eye upon almost everybody. This is a humiliating fact, but it is nevertheless a fact fully attested by experience and observation. The sugar, if in flour its weight but a single grain short, contends that he has been defrauded out of the price of that grain, but the seller owns it is a case of "first light." There are scores of excuses conjured up to ease the consciences of the seller—the size of the retail dealer keeps him from consciences as other people—and when the buyer calls "cheating," the seller pleads "nothing to cry." It is not necessary to enter into these excuses. We may dismiss them with the simple remark that no contingency of business will justify a seller in deceiving a customer even to the extent of a single ounce in weight. We have a right to expect honesty for the cash, which, if generally exacted, would lead to the reformation. Let individuals who have been in the habit of cheating, be cast in the cold of neglect, and the only punishment necessary to inflict is to withdraw patronage. A newspaper organ, such as that now making its appearance, may be beneficial for a time, but in others as only temporary. After the excitement is over, the practice is necessarily worse. Let a great individual, however, that only a dozen or a score of his best customers have quietly quit dealing with him, because they have satisfied themselves that he does not give just weights, and he will at once take measures to "adjust his ratios." Let him be convinced that Wm. A. and Wm. B. weigh their tea, coffee and sugar, as soon as it is unloaded in the pantry, and they will not be cheated. And why should not this course be pursued openly? Some there are who would regard such strict surveillance of the conduct of others with repugnance, but there would be nothing in it discreditable or demeaning. We would not have individuals lose confidence altogether in one another, nor would we have the purchaser unnecessarily suspicious of the seller, but we would have all doubt removed as to the honesty of those with whom we deal, if it were possible to do so. A family that goes into a bank with a pile of notes, carefully counted, and the amount marked on a slip of paper. The banker does not take his count, but counts for himself. In doing so, he does not question the honesty of the depositor, any more than the depositor questions the integrity of the cashier in counting the pennies of a check. It is enough to know that *mistakes* may be thus guarded against, and both parties may be satisfied as to the character of the transaction. The same principle applies in the purchase of commodities by weight. If it were convenient or possible for a man to carry his scales to the grocer or butcher, and weigh what he buys, then and there, there would be nothing objectionable in his conduct which would not apply with equal force in the transaction between the depositor and the banker. When every consumer learns the importance of weighing everything he buys, and withholding his patronage from those who give light weights, then the systematic frauds which are now perpetrated will be prevented, and honest dealers will not have to suffer the odium which the dishonest bring upon their business. In regard to adulteration, that can be detected without much difficulty. It is such a common saw, as a generic principle, that the parties who would systematically defraud the public by light weights, would also resort to adulterations, to discover which it is only necessary to subject a sample of the impure article to the requisite test.

The City of New Castle.

A large meeting of the citizens of New Castle was held in White Hall on the 15th instant, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of securing a city charter. A committee, consisting D. Craig, general D. Leasure, D. Sankey, John Elder, and S. McMaster, Esqs., presented a series of resolutions setting forth that the interests of New Castle and the most densely populated portion of Shenango township require its limits be incorporated into a city, and that such incorporation would materially promote the growth and prosperity of all. The territory proposed to be included in the new city will be as follows:

First, all of Pollock township. Second, all of the Scottsville township lying adjacent to the township of Pollock, and all of Mr. S. Wilson's land, all of Mr. Wm. Wilson's land, all of Mr. Wm. Hazlett's land, all of Mr. Wm. Patterson's land, all of Mr. Wm. Hazlett's land, and all of Mr. H. Falls' land, and all of Mr. Falls' land, and all of Mr. Falls' land, and all of Mr

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, December 23, 1868.

The local money market continues to work closely, and as borrowers are well aware of its condition they make demands upon it as light, carry such paper as they can, and have confirmed will continue an application that can only be met to a very high rate. Considerable coming in to-day, and a very little business is done in commercial paper.

There seems to be no indisposition to speculate in the gloss the country is operating, owing to a constitutional attachment upon the personal liabilities. The prevailing impression seems to be that the country will be amply supplied for its legitimate wants, and bearing a low rate of interest. As this seems inevitable, capitalists are turning their attention to those bonds issued by the Pacific Railroad Companies having 6 years to run, carrying 6 per cent. currency interest payable semi-annually. Should Congress adopt a funding scheme, these bonds in the end of United States securities undoubtedly. At maturity the principal is payable in gold, and no bonds legislation can possibly affect them. They are now selling at less than par, and as their are small direct to Government, and the interest payable on the Eastern cities, they form an especially favorable investment. The total sum authorized by Congress is limited to some millions, of which only a few millions are already permanently placed with the Pacific Railroad Companies, leaving about sixteen millions to be issued. These bonds are for sale in amounts to suit purchasers at the counter of James E. Woods & Co., bankers.

Bonds were off a fraction lower. Tuesday, as remarked by Jay Cooke & Co., in their letter received by Messrs. McVay & Co., the government market showed considerable strength, in the early part of the day, principally with the extraordinary rise in New York Central, the excitement attending dealings at the Stock Exchange being soon felt at the government board, where a number of sharp began to operate, and prices were edged up from ½ to ¾ per cent. on account of the bulls advancing rates about ¼ per cent. throughout the list over closing rates of Saturday.

Messrs. Jos R. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cook & Co., their correspondents:

	Morn.	Noon.	Clos.
1881's, reg.			
1881's, coup.			
5-20's, reg.			
5-20's, coup.			
1865's, reg.			
1865's, coup.			
1865's, new			
1867's			
10-40's			
Currency 6's			

James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Gold,	134¼ @ 134¾
6's, 1881, reg.	113¾ @ 114
6's, 1881, coup.	113¾ @ 114
5-20's, reg.	112¼ @ 112¾
5-20's, coup.	112¼ @ 112¾
1865's, reg.	112¼ @ 112¾
1865's, coup.	112¼ @ 112¾
1865's, new	111¼ @ 111¾
1867's	111¼ @ 111¾
10-40's	107¼ @ 107¾
Currency 6's	107¼ @ 107¾

The following notice, made up from dispatches received at J. M. Caskey's Stock Broker, 4 and 5 Exchange, No. 84 Fourth avenue, shows the prices at Saturday noon, 5th inst., at the various sessions of the New York Board during the day:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 6's, 1881, reg.		
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup.		
U. S. 5-20's, 1865, reg.		
U. S. 5-20's, 1865, coup.		
U. S. 5-20's, 1865, new		
U. S. 5-20's, 1867		
U. S. 10-40's		
U. S. 6's, currency		
Gold		

A comparison between Monday's and Saturday's closing prices shows the following changes:

	Mon.	Tues.	Adv.	Dec.
N. Y. Central				
Erie				
Hudson River				
Reading				
Mich. Central				
Mich. South.				
Illinois Central				
Cleve. and Pitts.				
Chicago and Rock I.				
Chicago and North.				
Do preferred				
Fort Wayne				
Ohio and Miss.				
Pacific Mail				
Western U. Tel.				
Adams Express				
Merch. U. Ex.				

—Stock sales Tuesday evening, December 22, on second floor of Commercial Sales Room, 84 Smithfield street, by A. McGregor, auctioneer:

Merchants' and Manufacturers' National Bank ..... 99 ½
Second National Bank ..... 97 ½
Commercial Bank ..... 97 ½

—The World of Monday says: The announcement of a dividend on the New York Central of 6 per cent. in scrip and 4 per cent. cash on the original stock was intended to surprise the street this morning, but a printer on a New York paper informed some one, which had the effect to draw premature notice to it. Fifteen minutes later was right, but the shaving lights were already in operation on procuring the stock before publication. To-night this morning they were in the street under the impression of catching the early worm, but so far have been unsuccessful.

—James W. Kennedy, broker, No. 9 Fourth avenue, Spoffard Building, floor in United States Bonds, State and Municipal Securities, Railroad, Bank, Insurance and Miscellaneous Stocks. Being represented in the New York Stock Boards every day while in session, he purchases and sells on commission for cash or on the regular time on the same terms as the New York brokers. Government, Gold and Railway stocks purchased for customers on the same margin.

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY EVENING, December 22, 1868.

In a general way trade to-day ruled light in demand for most of the leading articles of merchandise, merchants do not anticipate any revival. Prices are without material change in any respect from those last noted.

We quote as follows, which are the wholesale quotations unless otherwise noted:

Apples Barrels—Sales in circles at $3@3 a gallon, and in bags at 60@75c.

Bacon, Lard, etc.—There is no old bacon in market, and no demand for it. New is coming in nearly to a few lots of canvassed, which sell from 16@17c. Lard is excited and prices advancing. We quote prime kettle rendered 20c, and in barrels 19c. Prime country sells at 18@19c. Hams—Sugar-cured sell at 20@21c. Shoulders—Market very firm and we quote same 13c. Sides—Sell at 18@19c. Shoulders—Sell at 14@15c.

Beans, Dried—Market active and prices advancing with regular sales of choice fruit at $2 a bu.

Cheese—There is a fair demand and prices are firm but unchanged. We quote Ohio factory 16@17c; New York Factory 18@19c; Factory Twins, Hamburg 20c, and Western Reserve 18@19c.

Apples—Five dried fruit $3@3 50, as to quality.

Butter—There is a large demand for choice and prices are advancing. We quote choice at 45@50c, and at 40@45 c.

Dried Fruits.—The receipts of choice evaporated apples are light. We quote at 10@10½c, and quarters 10@10½c, as to quality. Inferior grades 9@9½c, as to quality. Peaches—Market dull at 5@5½c. Cherries—Market dull, 5@5½c. Raspberries—Market dull, 5@5½c. Blackberries—Market dull, 5@5½c. Plums—Market dull, 5@5½c.

Eggs—Market active and prices advancing. We quote at 40@45c per dozen.

Feathers—Market firm and we quote at 60@65c per lb.

Flour—Market active and prices advancing. We quote at $8 50@9 per bbl for superfine; $9 50@10 for extra; $10 50@11 for extra family; $11 50@12 for fancy; $12 50@13 for family; $13 50@14 for high grade family, and $14 50@15 for patent.

Grain—The market was dull at $1 05 per bushel, and in fact nearly nothing done but that commanded that figure. Sales ranged as the way from 90c to $1 05 per bushel, and nearly all the sales were made by the load. Corn—The market was dull at $1 05@1 10 per bushel, and in fact nearly nothing done but that commanded that figure. Sales ranged as the way from 90c to $1 05 per bushel, and nearly all the sales were made by the load. Oats—The market was dull with light supply and a good demand, and prices were fully 2@3c per bushel advanced from those of one week ago. Sales ranged from 60@65c per bushel for good to prime quality. The supply was not adequate to the demand.

PITTSBURGH GLASS MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1868.

There has been an active demand for window glass, with a fair stock in the hands of manufacturers, ample to meet the demand. There is, however, no disposition to reduce rates, which remain at 60 per cent. off the list. By car load at 70 per cent. off. Country brands can be purchased at a reduction of 5@10 per cent. on above rates.

The card rates are as follows:

	30 days.	6 months.
6 by 8 to 10 by 15	60	60
10 by 16 to 12 by 18	60	60
12 by 20 to 14 by 22	60	60
15 by 24 to 16 by 24	60	60
17 by 26 to 18 by 30	60	60
20 by 30 to 20 by 36	60	60
22 by 30 to 24 by 30	60	60
24 by 36 to 24 by 40	60	60
26 by 36 to 26 by 40	60	60
28 by 36 to 28 by 40	60	60
30 by 36 to 30 by 40	60	60
32 by 36 to 32 by 40	60	60
34 by 36 to 34 by 40	60	60
36 by 36 to 36 by 40	60	60
40 by 40 to 40 by 50	60	60
42 by 42 to 42 by 50	60	60
44 by 44 to 44 by 50	60	60
46 by 46 to 46 by 50	60	60
48 by 48 to 48 by 50	60	60
50 by 50 to 50 by 60	60	60
52 by 52 to 52 by 60	60	60
54 by 54 to 54 by 60	60	60
56 by 56 to 56 by 60	60	60
58 by 58 to 58 by 60	60	60
60 by 60 to 60 by 70	60	60
62 by 62 to 62 by 70	60	60
64 by 64 to 64 by 70	60	60
66 by 66 to 66 by 70	60	60
68 by 68 to 68 by 70	60	60
70 by 70 to 70 by 80	60	60
72 by 72 to 72 by 80	60	60
74 by 74 to 74 by 80	60	60
76 by 76 to 76 by 80	60	60
78 by 78 to 78 by 80	60	60
80 by 80 to 80 by 90	60	60
82 by 82 to 82 by 90	60	60
84 by 84 to 84 by 90	60	60
86 by 86 to 86 by 90	60	60
88 by 88 to 88 by 90	60	60
90 by 90 to 90 by 100	60	60
92 by 92 to 92 by 100	60	60
94 by 94 to 94 by 100	60	60
96 by 96 to 96 by 100	60	60
98 by 98 to 98 by 100	60	60
100 by 100 to 100 by 110	60	60

Boxes of Charcoals.

The Register of Tuesday says the activity which prevailed at the date of our last monday is continued throughout the week, and prices advanced daily and are now 3@ cent. higher, and the market closes firm at the improved rates. The receipts have not been unusually large, but the demand has been unlimited, and the indications are that no points seemed to confirm the "short crop" men in their views, and enabled drovers to daily advance prices, and the market during the greater portion of the time was a good deal excited. The sales are now selling at higher figures than were ever before paid in the market, fabbing gold as a basis. The sales on Monday were mostly at $7 50@7 75 per cwt., some few, but so high as $8 were in some cases paid for extra heavy averages. Second and as $6 50@6 75 for light to heavy. The receipts for this week ending Wednesday evening were 9,000 head. The total receipts to date footing 39,000 head, against 37,000 head same time last year, and 40,000 head same time in 1866. In this latter year large were selling as late as the 20th of January, and the same is true to-day as it was for some average.

Sheep—There were more sheep for sale than last week, the number still footing up 2,500 head. The demand was very light, with no material change on hand, and consequently the market ruled very dull, and prices ranged. The bulk of the sales was dull at $5@6 per hundred, and in fact nearly nothing done but that commanded that figure. Sales ranged as the way from 5c to $5 75 per head, and nearly all the sales were made by the load. Hogs—The market was active and with light supply and a good demand, and prices were fully 2@3c per hundred advanced from those of one week ago. Sales ranged from $8 50@8 75 per hundred as to quality. The supply was not adequate to the demand.

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44 by 44 to 44 by 50	60	60
46 by 46 to 46 by 50	60	60
48 by 48 to 48 by 50	60	60
50 by 50 to 50 by 60	60	60
52 by 52 to 52 by 60	60	60
54 by 54 to 54 by 60	60	60
56 by 56 to 56 by 60	60	60
58 by 58 to 58 by 60	60	60
60 by 60 to 60 by 70	60	60
62 by 62 to 62 by 70	60	60
64 by 64 to 64 by 70	60	60
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68 by 68 to 68 by 70	60	60
70 by 70 to 70 by 80	60	60
72 by 72 to 72 by 80	60	60
74 by 74 to 74 by 80	60	60
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New Fall Goods.

HATS,

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AND

Millinery Goods,

R. H. PALMER.

NOTICE.—THOSE INTERESTED WILL

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CENTRAL AND UNION

Pacific RR. Bonds.

PH. R. MERTZ, Banker,

COR. FIFTH AVE. AND WOOD ST.

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 134¾.

NEW YORK, December 22—6 P. M.

MONEY.

Money stringent at 7 per cent. currency on 7 per cent gold, with call loans generally ruled. The call of loans on gold and currency. Some large loans were effected for to-day and to-morrow, which supply the requirements. Discounts were unchanged and quiet.

EXCHANGE.

Was dull and heavy, closing easier at $9 for sixty days and $9 10 for sight.

GOLD.

Opened with small business, fluctuated in the early part of the day within narrow limits, and closed dull, with light sales.

STOCKS.

Were quiet and steady, opening firm, but gradually declined under the influence of the Gold Room, and closed heavy at the following quotations:

Chicago and Rock Island	101
Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne	92
Chicago and Northwestern	71
Do preferred	82
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	86
Cleveland and Toledo	103
Michigan Southern	82
Michigan Central	110
Illinois Central	120
Cumberland preferred	30
New York Central	193
Erie	72
Reading	96
Adams Express	62
United States	46
Merchants' Union	30
Canton Company	40
Cumberland Coal	30
Pacific Mail	110
Western Union Telegraph	30

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 22, 1868.—Trade in dry goods has been quiet and steady to-day, although a fair business was done in certain lines of domestics, and a moderate business in woolens. Prices remain unchanged.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and lower at 90@95c. Oats dull and lower at 60@62c for No. 1. Rye dull and unchanged. Barley dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork quiet and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, December 22.—Flour dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $26 00@26 50. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, December 22.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and lower at $1 00@1 05 for white Michigan. Corn dull and lower at 80@85c for ear. Oats dull and lower at 60@62c for No. 1. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Milwaukee Market.

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Memphis Market.

MEMPHIS, December 22.—Cotton dull and unchanged. Gold 134¾. Sterling exchange 9@10 per cent. premium. New York sight exchange ¼ per cent. premium. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, December 22.—Flour dull and weak. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Buffalo Market.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 22—5 P. M.

Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—active, sales of No. 1 at $1 00@1 01, No. 2 at 97@98c, No. 3 Spring at 90@91c, No. 1 Amber Winter at $1 00@1 01, No. 2 Amber Winter at 97@98c, No. 3 Amber Winter at 90@91c, No. 1 White Winter at $1 00@1 01, No. 2 White Winter at 97@98c, No. 3 White Winter at 90@91c. Corn—active, sales of No. 1 at 80@81c, No. 2 at 78@79c, No. 3 at 75@76c. Oats—active, sales of No. 1 at 60@61c, No. 2 at 58@59c, No. 3 at 55@56c. Rye—active, sales of No. 1 at 90@91c, No. 2 at 88@89c, No. 3 at 85@86c. Barley—active, sales of No. 1 at 90@91c, No. 2 at 88@89c, No. 3 at 85@86c. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Cleveland Market.

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New York Market.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

Boston Market.

BOSTON, December 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, December 22.—Nothing doing to-day. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Rye dull and unchanged. Provisions—Mess pork dull and unchanged at $25 50@26. Bacon dull and unchanged; shoulders 12½@13c; clear rib sides 17½@18c; clear sides 18@18½c. Lard dull and unchanged at 18@18½c. Whisky dull and unchanged at 93c. Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; market dull and lower at $7 50@8 00 for light to fair, closing nearly at $8 00@8 25 for good to choice packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts 1,000 head; market dull and unchanged.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Greensboro.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

GREENSBORO, December 22, 1868.

River falling, with mixed bottom fuel water. Weather clear; thermometer 54° at 6 P. M.

C.

Brownsville.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, December 22, 1868.

River stationary at nine feet. Weather cloudy; thermometer thirty-four at 6 P. M.

W.

Morgantown.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MORGANTOWN, December 22, 1868.

River four feet six inches in the channel and falling slowly. Weather clear; thermometer 40°.

W.

Oil City.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

OIL CITY, December 22, 1868.

River at a stand, with twenty-three inches water in the channel. Weather cloudy and snowing; thermometer at 6 P. M. 32°.

H.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 22.—River stationary, with six feet in the canal. Weather cloudy and cold, with high winds.

RIVER NEWS.

The marine list evening indicated eight feet six inches and rising steadily all day. There is very little new to chronicle in the Monongahela, nothing to interfere with navigation. The boats in that stream are making regular trips.

At Lafferty the river is still open.

The Hornet left for Parkersburg with a towing tow.

The Liberty boat is still making trips between Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

At Lyons, on Saturday, pedestrians crossed on the ice to Fairview.

At Brownsville the ice became crowdie on running out.

Hawkins landed sixteen sacks coarse salt from Monongahela to Fayette on Friday.

Tuesday the new steamboat Sam Brown by a vote in the Monongahela landing, Wm. Castle was elected Master, Neville Emery and Samuel Hice, Mate.

The Cora Belle, Captain Thompson, is announced for Parkersburg and way points this afternoon.

Ben Lee in the Allegheny was getting out very heavy towing. We think it would be one of the question for a boat to come up against.

A number of towboats are all ready for action, and are only waiting for the ice to run out of the Allegheny. Each will be a very large one.

Towing line is the name selected for Captain Wm. Hice's new steamer, which will be launched about the 1st of January. She will be a splendid craft, and will have a powerful engine. Captain Hice is well known as a careful and competent towboat man, and will be found in charge of the new boat.

The Lexington passenger steamer sailed, Captain Thomas S. Calvert, on Wednesday, for Louisville, with a large number of passengers and a full load of miscellaneous freight. Captain Calvert is a gentlemanly officer, and will be found in charge of the Lexington.

The steamer from New Orleans arrived on a Saturday, but the quenched fuel rose between the Monongahela and Smithfield street bridges, and the landing and head line of the latter. Sunday morning the water had fallen to the point of safety, and the steamer was moved to the wharf.

A correspondent at Brownsville writes: The Clara Bell, Captain Hice, arrived at this port on Saturday morning with a tow of coal for Cincinnati. She left Pittsburgh on Thursday morning, and made the trip in forty-eight hours, which is considered quick time for the season of the year. The Clara Bell is a new boat, and is commanded by Captain Hice, who is a careful and experienced navigator.

The Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company have just received from Pittsburgh, via the Monongahela River, 1,000 tons of coal, which is being unloaded at the Connellsville depot. The coal is of the best quality, and is being delivered to the company at $2 per ton.

The Cincinnati Commercial says: Captain Wm. Hice, of Pittsburgh, has been in the city for several days, and has been engaged in the construction of a towboat

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CITY MATTERS.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Mellon.

Court opened at the usual hour yesterday morning, and the following business was transacted:

In the case of Bruce Thompson, indicted for entering house to steal, guilty of entering house, but not guilty of intent to steal. Verdict for the commonwealth. Sentence suspended during the pleasure of the court.

Mary Lord, a poor woman, supposed to be insane, was brought in and committed to the Insane Asylum, there to remain during the pleasure of the court.

The grand jury found no true bill of Eliza Sales, indicted for arson on oath of Sarah Cochrane. The defendant was charged with setting fire to the house of the prosecutor at Birmingham, several weeks ago. The evidence was entirely circumstantial, and based principally upon the fact of the defendant having made some threats previous to the burning of the building. The jury found a verdict of guilty and recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court, sentence deferred until next term.

Anthony Green was placed on trial on an indictment for assault and battery, Charles Thomas prosecutor. The assault was alleged to have been committed in disrupting on the evening of the election. The jury have not found a verdict of guilty, but have been out all night. The court was ordered to meet at nine o'clock this morning, when the case will be disposed of.

Bridget Hunt, indicted for fornication and bastardy, failed to appear and her bail was forfeited.

Alice Hunt, indicted for the same offence, failed to appear and her bail was forfeited.

Bail was ordered to be taken in the following cases:

Com. vs. [illegible].

Following is the trial list for Thursday:

Com. vs. [illegible], 2 cases.
Com. vs. [illegible], 4 cases.
Com. vs. [illegible].
Com. vs. [illegible].
Com. vs. George McNamara and Austin, [illegible].
Com. vs. [illegible] Davis and Goliath Woods.
Com. vs. [illegible].
Com. vs. A. L. Williams, 2 cases.
Com. vs. [illegible].
Com. vs. [illegible].

Court of Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

In the case of [illegible] vs. Bayne, [illegible] contractor for the Bayne [illegible] for defendant.

The first case on trial was that of Administrators of John [illegible] vs. Baker & Co., to recover amount of damages sustained by plaintiff in the death of his son. Action on account. Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of [illegible].

The case of Boggs & Co. vs. Shultz & [illegible] to recover amount of damages sustained by plaintiffs in the purchase of [illegible] for $25, the amount of note and interest.

Court then adjourned until Wednesday morning.

Jurors.

The following are the jurors drawn to serve during the week commencing Monday, December 28, 1868:

No. 1, [illegible], Ross.
No. 2, [illegible], Sharpsburg.
No. 3, [illegible], Stewart.
No. 4, [illegible], Ross.
No. 5, [illegible], Hastings.
No. 6, [illegible], Ross.
No. 7, [illegible], Ross.
No. 8, [illegible], Ross.
No. 9, [illegible], Ross.
No. 10, [illegible], Ross.
No. 11, [illegible], Ross.
No. 12, [illegible], Ross.

District Court—Judge Hampton and Gazzam.

In the case of [illegible] vs. John Price, executor of John Price, deceased, verdict for plaintiff for $1,000 and costs.

In the case of [illegible] vs. Bayne, [illegible] contractor for the Bayne [illegible] for defendant.

The case of [illegible] vs. [illegible] and [illegible] vs. [illegible] and [illegible] vs. [illegible] were continued.

The case of [illegible] vs. [illegible] was continued.

The case of [illegible] vs. [illegible] was continued.

Bankruptcy—French United States District Court.

The Second Meeting of [illegible] Johnston and John [illegible], of Allegheny county, Pa., bankrupts, will be held before Register Wilson, at Pittsburgh, on Thursday, December 24, 1868, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Second Meeting of [illegible], of Allegheny county, Pa., bankrupt